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Applicant : Muller, *et al.*  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows and consider the following Remarks. Marked-up versions of all amendments are provided in the attached Appendix.

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings:

Please replace drawings 4, 5A-5D with the substitute FIGs. 4, 5A-5D provided with the accompanying Letter to the Official Draftsperson. These drawings were amended to correspond to the specification.

In the Specification:

*Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 11-14, with the following:*

This invention relates to the fields of computer systems and networks. More particularly, a method and apparatus are provided for interfacing a computer system or other device to an Ethernet network at a high rate of data transfer.

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